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Letter to Reverend Wheaton

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London June 29-1824

Rev. & Dear Sir

Your favour of the 26th of June did not reach my eye till last evening. I give it as early an answer this morning as possible,

Whether you are mediately or "immediate" I humbly conceive you are deeply "concerned" in the article of the British Critic of May last, - I mean the article to which you allude and which you so correctly term "an unjustifiable attack on a person, innocent of the motives therein imputed to him."

This article however contrary to your own sense of justice was certainly written to serve the cause which you represent simply by the act of it

giving me and the cause of this

I thank you for giving me liber-
-ty publish your disavowal of all
-^{participation} ~~participation~~ in the offensive article: but
I must decline in Eng^d of awaiting
myself of this privilege.

I have refrained hitherto from
all acts of reprimand or of self
defense from the manifest calum-
nies and misrepresentations circulated
against me in this country: and
to commence now though it
were under the advantage of your
very important letter I nevertheless
to decline.

I asked you being ^{a party} concerned —
deeply tho' not "immediately" ^{con-}cerned

earned" to ward off a blow which by in-
juring me has been essentially bene-
ficial to yourself. I have asked you
as a Christian Brother and a Friend
in a foreign land, one who acknowledges
me to be innocent and injured to
do this publicly and directly
in that paper which has abused me
which has espoused your cause &
which you can & I can not be
heard. There but no where else the
anecdote would follow the poison; and
you alone ^{can} ~~can~~ ^{commit it to} ~~do~~
~~with the least delay possible~~

~~I repeat, I am very sorry you~~
~~from motives best known to yourself~~
~~that I have justified before God & you~~
~~and I have refused to ^{do} ~~do~~ this~~
^{Kindness did I say?}
kindness, I think you - best friend, now
and ever will deem it an act of justice
to you injured yet affectionate Brother
in Christ.

P. Chase.

Wh. of the P. B. Church
in the Diocese of Ohio